

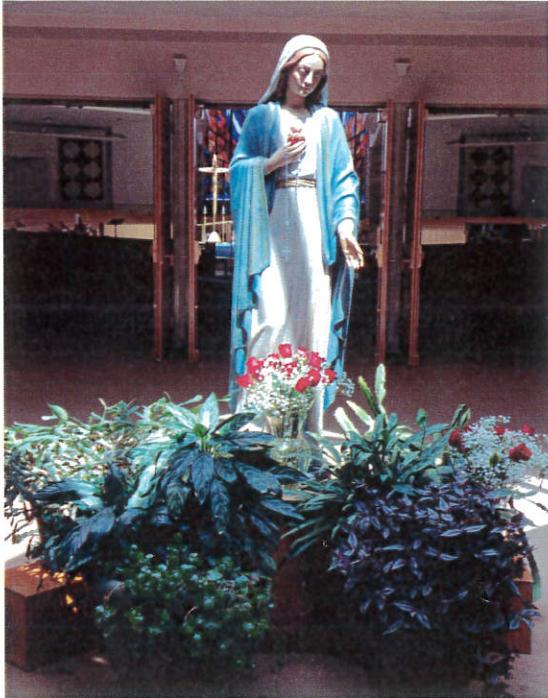
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IHM Eucharistic Adoration

Every Friday of the month we will have Adoration in the Chapel following the 8 am mass until 5:00 pm. There is a signup sheet in the Narthex. We are asking for at least 3 people per hour, so the Blessed Sacrament is Never left alone. You can sign up for as long as you want, for one time a month, or every Friday. All are invited to come and spend time with our Lord! Contact Anna Neam at 970-424-0546 or Vince Stone at 720-936-1996 for questions.

Immaculate Heart of Mary Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:00 pm

Sunday Masses: 7:30 am, 10:00 am & 6:00 pm

Monday-Saturday: 8:00 am

Holy Days: Anticipated Mass, 6:00 pm

Holy Day Masses 8:00 am & 6:00 pm

**Reconciliation: Saturday: 2:00 pm — 3:30 pm or
by appointment**

**Adoration: Every Friday of the Month Office hours: M-F
9:00 am - 5:00 pm**

**St. Ann, Palisade Sunday Mass: 9:15 am Holy Days: TBD
10:30 am Mass each Tuesday of the month**



*Third
Sunday
of Advent*

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Weekend Mass Schedule

We would like to welcome you to
Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish!
4:00 pm on Saturday, 7:30 & 10:00 am and
6:00 pm Sunday
St. Ann's in Palisade 9:15 am Sunday



Attention Lectors!

We have the
New 2023 Lector Books now
available in the Parish office.
You may pick one up between
9:00 am & 5:00 pm
These are once again
compliments of Fr. Chrysogonus.





THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT: A: "IMMINENT COMING OF THE LORD"

(Is: 35: 1-6a and 10; Jam: 5: 7-10; Mat: 11: 1-11)

Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

I am very happy to see you all through this Homily. Today's first reading is from the book of the Prophet Isaiah. In this passage Isaiah foretells the return of the people of Israel from the Babylonian captivity as the Lord God will come to their rescue. Isaiah tells us that we too should look beyond our sorrows and disappointments of the present with great hope in God's love and His saving actions in our lives. The Prophet encourages cheering up and not being afraid because the Lord God will save us.

The second reading is from the letter of St. James. In this passage the Apostle stresses the quality of patience, never easy for any of us. He urges us to be loving and patient with one another and be patient regarding the Lord's final coming. He gives us the example of prophets who underwent sufferings but went about patiently.

"Are you the one who is to come?"

Today's Gospel reading is from St. Matthew. This passage describes the predicament of John the Baptist regarding Jesus. Just as we have questions about who Jesus is, John, too, had a problem with the identity of Jesus. "Are you the one or shall we look for another?" was the question put by John. Hope of John the Baptist regarding Jesus as the promised Messiah was not entirely fulfilled. John was imprisoned by Herod. In the prison he was confused about Jesus. The question put by John is raised by many even today. Jesus' answer to messengers of John was to observe what was happening around them and tell John concerning their experience of Jesus: sight for the blind, lame walking, dead are raised to life and the good news being preached to the poor. Is there any such experiences in our lives that would make us say, "Yes" to Jesus?

Today Jesus gives us the same message - to look around and see the presence of God and His benevolent power around us. Look around and see God's mighty manifestations of love and power around us. When our hopes are broken and our dreams are shattered let us not get disappointed and disheartened but rather place our trust in the Lord.

"A prison cell in which one waits, hopes - and is completely dependent on the fact that the door to freedom has to be opened from outside, is not a bad picture of advent", - Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

"Want to keep Christ in Christmas? Feed the hungry; clothe the naked; forgive the guilty; welcome the unwanted; care for the ill; love your enemies and do unto others as you would have done unto you" - S. Maraboli.

I wish you all A very Happy and Lovely Weekend and Blessed Sunday to you all. Fr.Selva.

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A Prayer for the Third Sunday of Advent

Father, let your hope arise in our hearts! Lift our eyes up to see that you alone are where our hope comes from. Help us to shake off the anxiety, discouragements, and distractions that have filled this year. May we pause to remember that we have hope in You. You know the end of our stories, and we give thanks because you promised that it would be a victorious ending. Give us the grace we need to wrap up this year joyfully. We invite your Spirit into this beautiful Advent season. Renew our sense of holy anticipation! Let us be those who are waiting eagerly for Jesus to come again. More than anything, we ask that you be glorified in this season of expectation. Amen



Merci! ¡Gracias! Danke! Thank you! The generosity of Christ's family at St. Joe's, IHM, Sacred Heart, and St. Ann's has provided much needed supplies for the Day Center and Catholic Outreach's clothing bank.

During the month of November, more than 25 towels and washcloths, 20 gallon-sized bags of toiletries, 90 pairs of socks, 50 hats and scarves, 80 pairs of gloves, and several blankets and clothing items were collected during the month of November. Catholic Daughters is so grateful for each of your contributions!



Second Collection

Today

December 10/11, 2022 we will have a second collection

benefiting the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your donation helps furnish care, medicine, and other necessities for many retired priests, sisters and brothers.

If you are skilled in bookkeeping and basic accounting and would like to work at Sacred Heart, please see Lance, our business manager or call him at 970-858-9605. Thank You.



Mesa County Right to Life is sponsoring an essay contest for middle school and high school students.

The topic is **"Roe was egregiously wrong and on a collision course with history from the day it was decided."** Essays should be 300 to 500 words and the deadline is January 31st.

Call (970) 243 9871 or see our website at mcrtl.net for details.



IHM Youth interested in singing in a choir at the 4pm Mass on Christmas Eve, will practice after the 10am Mass on December 11, and 18 in the chapel.



Chili Supper

IHM's P A C group is planning the
Annual Chili Supper
Saturday January 14,
After the 4:00 pm Mass



Advent Penance

Immaculate Heart of Mary's Advent Penance will be held
Tuesday December 13
from 9:00 am until 7:00 pm
with the students from Holy Family
from 12:30-2:30 pm.



Thank you to all who donated items for the Catholic Daughters Court #941 collections benefitting the Catholic Outreach Day Center.

Catholic Daughters will have their monthly meeting on 12/11 at 2 p.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. The potluck Christmas party will be at noon on 12/14 at Sacred Heart. Please bring 18 small items to be distributed to our homebound and 50+ members. Call Mary Folchert at 970-596-8961 to sign up.



"The Chosen"

will be shown on Thursday's in the IHM Friendship room beginning January 12 after the daily Mass. This multi-season television drama is about the beginning of Jesus Christ's public ministry. Each episode runs approximately 45 minutes. Come re-acquaint yourself with Jesus' ministry and meet his Apostles. It is amazing!
Grab a cup of coffee and join us.
Questions call Bob Bianchi 970-822-1147

Minister Schedule for Dec. 17/18, 2022

All who are on this schedule have chosen to serve.

8:00 am Dec. 17 (I) Margaret McLoughlin by Deirdre McLoughlin

Presider: Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele

4 pm Dec. 17 (†) Kristin Treezise by Marena Fritzler

Presider: Fr. Selvanathan

Eucharistic: T. Chapman, E. Hoy, M. Myers, J. Rau, K. Sassano & L. Watson & 2 Vol.

Hospitality: R. Bertrand & 3 Volunteers

Servers: 2 Volunteers

Lector: B. Kline

7:30am Dec. 18 (†) Virginia Hollingsworth by Kathleen Hollingsworth

Presider: Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele

Eucharistic: M. Kiser, C. Ulman, D. Ulman & 5 Volunteers

Hospitality: A. Ambrosier, G. Ambrosier, L. Duncan, G. Watts

Servers: 2 Volunteers

Lector: M. Katzer

9:15 am Dec. 18, St. Ann's Palisade

Presider: Fr. Selvanathan

10:00 am Dec. 18, (†) Reaume Family by Jan Rau

Presider: Fr. Chrysogonus Nwele

Eucharistic: K. Coomer, C. Dotta & 6 Volunteers

Hospitality: B. Bianchi, C. Dotta, & J. Nasalroad & 1 Volunteer

Server: D. Hurd & 1 Volunteer

Lector: G. Hurd & M. Hurd

6 pm Dec. 18 (†) Richard D Thibault by Rhonda Thibault-Lloyd

Presider: Fr. Selvanathan

Eucharistic: M. Calderone, A. Rubalcaba, R. Thibault-Lloyd & 5 Volunteers

Hospitality: M. Simpson & 3 Volunteers

Server: 2 Volunteers

Lector: M. Herrera

Prayer Opportunities:

Morning Prayer: Monday-Friday 7:30am in the Sanctuary

Morning Mass: Monday-Saturday 8:00am in the Sanctuary

Readings for the Week of December 11, 2022

Sunday: IS 35:1-6a, 10 JAS 5:7-10 MT 11:2-11

Monday: ZEC 2:14-17 or RV 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab LK 1:26-38

Tuesday: ZEP 3:1-2, 9-13 MT 21:28-32

Wednesday: IS 45:6C-8, 18, 21C-25 LK 7:18B-23

Thursday: IS 54:1-10 LK 7:24-30

Friday: IS 56:1-3a, 6-8 JN 5:33-36

Saturday: GN 49:2, 8-10 MT 1:1-17

Calendar of Events Week of Dec. 11, 2022

Sunday, Dec. 11	7:30 am Mass 9:15 am St. Ann's 10:00 am Mass 11:30 -12:30 Confirmation, Sac Prep, & RCIC 6:00 pm Mass
Monday, Dec. 12	8:00 am 6-9:00 pm Fiber Fellowship
Tuesday, Dec. 13	8:00 am Mass 9am -7:00 pm ADVENT PENANCE 7:00 pm Centering Prayer
Wednesday, Dec. 14	8:00 am Mass 9:00 am Bulk Mailing 9-12:00 noon St. Bridget's Circle 11:00 am Vigil Funeral 6-7 pm Sac Prep, RCIC, Faith Formation & Youth Group
Thursday, Dec. 15	8:00 am Mass 9-11:00 am Mary's Mom's 1:30-2:30 pm Silent Prayer 5:00 pm Finance/Pastoral Council
Friday, Dec. 16	8:00 am Mass 9 am - 5 pm Friday Adoration in Chapel
Saturday, Dec. 17	8:00 am Mass 9 am -2:30 pm Carmelites 2:00 - 3:30pm Confessions 4:00 pm Mass

Mass Intentions

Sunday Dec. 11, 2022

7:30 am - (†) **Dorothy Ratcliffe** by Larry & Mary Moran

10:00 am - (†) **Marceen & Alicia Kreider** by Pond Family

6:00 pm- (†) **Aelred Meyer** by Justine Tilger

Monday Dec. 12, 2022

8:00 am - (I) **Edward Cannon** by Elaine Cannon

Tuesday Dec. 13, 2022

8:00 am - (I) **Dysfunctional Fractured Families & for all who ostracize or abuse others** by Anonymous

Wednesday Dec. 14, 2022

8:00 am- (†) **Rita & Lawrie Fernandes** by Menon Family

8:00 am- (†) **Fred Buchner** by Denise Buchner

Thursday Dec. 15, 2022

8:00 am- (I) **Tommy Closz** by Ellie Walworth

Friday Dec. 16, 2022

8:00 am- (†) **James Kerski** by Family

Saturday Dec. 17, 2022

8:00 am - (I) **Margaret McLoughlin** by Deirdre McLoughlin

4:00 pm - (†) **Kristin Treezise** by Marena Fritzler

HOW CAN I PROPERLY PREPARE FOR THE MASS

CONTINUED... Part 4

GREETINGS OF PEACE:

The Priest or presider is giving you the peace of the Lord who is already in the assembly, so that you may receive the peace, grace and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit to gain enough strength for your mission. Note that at the beginning of the Mass, you have already called on the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit; by this invocation, you have made God present to you and you are present to God. Your priest just vested you with the peace, which comes from this Triune God whom you have already invoked.

Peace is not the absence of strife; it is the presence of completeness. Peace brings God's supernatural calm and tranquility. Peace is the presence of a clear conscience in our relationship with God, others, and nature. "Shlama allawkhom" in Arabic, or "Shalom Aleichem" in Hebrew, both mean "peace be with you". When God's peace is with you, you are better disposed to worship God, and offer your sacrifice to him.

How desperately the world needs God's peace! Humanity yearns for peace — in our heart, in our family, and in the world. Christ offers us his peace at each and every Mass, and all we have to do is accept his offer.

Through his passion, death and resurrection, our Lord Jesus Christ has brought peace to the fallen world:
"He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement of our peace was upon him, and with his stripes we were healed." Isaiah 53:5

I Peter 2:21 is the companion verse to Isaiah 53:5 above, confirming the great gift of Christ to the world:
"He himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed!" I Peter 2:24

The Father created all things out of love:

"The Lord is good to all, and his tender mercies are over all his works." (Psalm 145:9) And in his abundant love he created humanity in his own image and likeness.

"And God saw everything that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day." (Genesis 1:31)

It is the Holy Spirit who binds us in the Father's love and in fellowship with one another.

That is why Paul insists that we should *"preserve the unity of the Spirit"* (Ephesians 4:3)

During Mass the Priest or presider wants to vest you not only with the presence of the Holy Trinity, but also with the functionality of the Holy Spirit, so that you may know truly, that you belong to the Trinity.

Jesus prayed: *"...that they all may be one, as you Father, are in me, and I in you; that they also may be one in us; that the world may believe that you have sent me."* John 17:21

Peace will be your blessing if you accept it as yours: "And also with your Spirit."

Liturgical movements: Standing, Sitting and Kneeling

Standing to welcome Christ the High Priest:

According to the Church's tradition, the assembly stands during the entrance procession. This is to welcome Christ the High Priest, who is imaged in the priest, the crucifix, the Book of the Gospel and the light borne by the acolytes.

Standing to hear the voice of the Lord and speaking to the Lord in prayer:

Within the context of the Mass, the Church rises to hear the voice of the Lord, such as when the Gospel is proclaimed.

The Church stands to offer prayers to the Lord, such as in the Collect, Prayers of the Faithful, Prayer over the Gift, the Preface, the Lord's Prayer and Prayers after Communion.

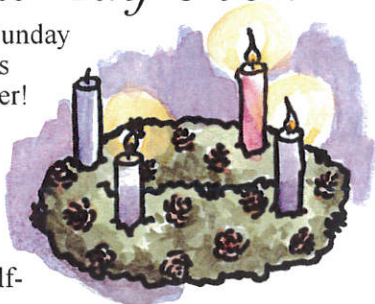
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Kids Corner- Third Sunday of Advent

Advent is Half Over!

Today is the third Sunday of Advent. That means that half the wait is over! If you have an advent wreath, this is the week to light the pink candle. Pink is a symbol the joy we have because we're half-way to Christmas.



In today's Gospel, Jesus tells the people that John the Baptist was a prophet and messenger. A prophet is someone who tells the truth. In the Old Testament the prophets told God's people the truth about God. Saint John was a prophet because he told the people that the Messiah, or saviour, was coming soon, and that they needed to repent of their sins.

Saint John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus by calling people to repentance. You can help prepare for Christmas by thinking and talking about how Jesus came to earth on the first Christmas. Can you tell somebody the story of the first Christmas today?



Answer to front page: St. John was in prison



Saint John the Baptist was the messenger who prepared the world for Jesus' coming.

*Where was he in today's Gospel reading?
Connect the dots to find out!
Then you can finish colouring in the picture.*

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Sitting to Listen:

The Church sits to listen to anyone, other than the Lord, who speaks to the Assembly. These include the readings from the Patriarchs, the Prophets, in the Hebrew Bible, and all the writings of the Christian Bible (with the exception of the Gospels).

The Assembly sits for the homily.

The Church sits for meditative prayers.

Kneeling during the Consecration:

At Mass, the People of God kneel during consecration, unless prevented by lack of space or some other good reason. In the case of the last two, they are required to adopt a reverent posture.

These postures are proper for the moments being observed, and they provide orderliness.

These postures also provide uniformity to all who are taking part in the Mass, and act as a show of communality, because the Church gathers in unity.

These postures foster the spiritual attitude of those taking part in the Eucharistic celebration.

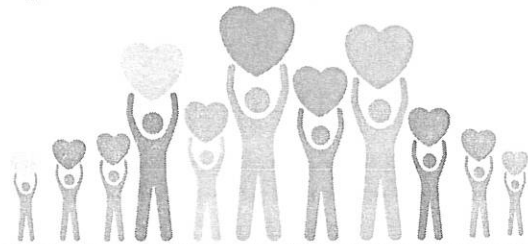
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